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REMARKS

Claims 1-57 are pending in the application. Applicant has amended Claims 26-32. Applicant's claim amendments are shown on the pages above following the heading AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS.

Response to Election Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121

Claims 1, 12, 18, 25, 33, 38, 43, 48, and 53 are independent. In the October 5, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner imposed an election requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, and listed the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention by referencing the figures that were included in the application:

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| A. Figures 1-5D | I. Figures 15A-15B |
| B. Figure 6 | J. Figure 16A |
| C. Figure 7 | K. Figure 16B |
| D. Figure 8 | L. Figures 17-18 |
| E. Figures 9-10 | M. Figure 19 |
| F. Figures 11A-11D | N. Figure 20 |
| G. Figure 12 | O. Figures 21-22 |
| H. Figures 13-14 | P. Figure 23 |

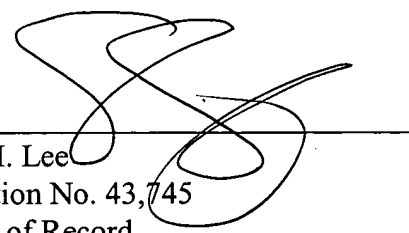
The Office Action required that the Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution. In response, the Applicant hereby elects Species D (Figure 8), without traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are directed to elected Species D (Figure 8).

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